

May 11, 2011

To: Executive Board

Subject: **Contract Award – Architectural and Engineering Services for the San Gabriel Valley Park and Ride**

Recommendation

Authorize the Executive Director to execute a contract with Johnson Fain for the provision of Architectural and Engineering and Design Services related to the development of the design of a Transit Center and Park and Ride Facility in the City of West Covina in the amount of One Hundred Ninety Five Thousand Dollars (\$195,000) for Phase I of the project which is limited to providing Site Analysis and Schematic Design.

Analysis

On October 1, 2010, Foothill Transit issued Request for Proposals (RFP) 11-011 seeking proposals from architectural and engineering (A&E) firms with specific expertise in parking facility design to provide consulting services to Foothill Transit for the design and construction of a parking structure or structures in the San Gabriel Valley

Nine proposals were received on November 9, 2010. Because of the different complexities at each proposed project site, staff is recommending separate Architectural and Engineering consultants for each site who were chosen based on their experience and working knowledge of each site and the complexities of the design at each location. The top three highest-rated proposers were assigned accordingly.

Earlier this year, the City of West Covina approached Foothill Transit concerning the possibility of partnering in the development of a Park and Ride structure on a surface parking lot along West Covina Parkway adjacent to the Westfield Mall. Last February 28, Executive Board Chair Roger Chandler, Executive Director Doran Barnes, and Director of Facilities Roland Cordero met with West Covina City Councilman Mike Touhey, City Manager Andrew Pasmant and Deputy City Manager Chris Freeland and discussed the proposed project. Consequently, a draft Memorandum of Understanding between the Foothill Transit and the City of West Covina was drafted as directed by the Executive Board.

Last Thursday, May 6th, another meeting was held between Foothill Transit, City of West Covina, and Westfield Management wherein a preliminary design of a Transit Center and Park and Ride was presented to Foothill Transit.

The City of West Covina and Westfield Management has expressed their interest in moving forward with the project. In order to further develop the preliminary plans as

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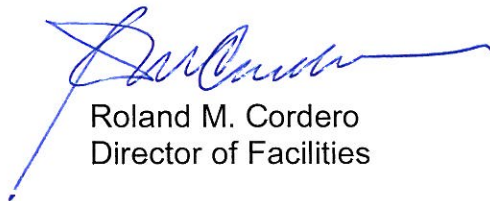
presented to Foothill Transit, Foothill Transit need to engage the services of an Architectural and Engineering firm consultant.

Johnson Fain was selected for the West Covina Park and Ride project. Johnson Fain is a fully integrated design studio in architecture, urban design, planning and interior design. Founded by two former University of California Berkeley and Harvard Design School classmates, the firm provides design services in a diverse range of project types. The firm has six LEED (Leadership in Environmental and Energy Design) Accredited Professionals and is an advocate of sustainable design and environmentally responsible development.

Fiscal Impact

Included in the Proposed Fiscal Year 2012 Capital Budget are \$17.9 million for a potential West Covina Park and Ride and Transit Center Project.

Sincerely,



Roland M. Cordero
Director of Facilities



Doran J. Barnes
Executive Director